Judicial

County Court

Witness/Other Fees County

Mission

To provide for payment to witnesses and for special needs of disabled individuals appearing before the courts.

Business Strategy

Expenditures in this account include payment of witness fees and travel for witnesses subpoenaed for County Court cases, interpreters for the deaf, and other miscellaneous expenditures necessary in Court trials and hearings.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 914 describes "Witness: Criminal Proceedings;" F.S. 914.06 states, "Compensation of expert witnesses in criminal cases – In a criminal case when the State or an indigent defendant requires the services of an expert witness whose opinion is relevant to the issues of the case, the Court shall award reasonable compensation to the expert witness that shall be taxed and paid by the County as costs in the same manner as other costs." Florida Statutes 90.6063 (2) states, "In all Judicial proceedings and in sessions of a grand jury wherein a deaf person is a complainant, defendant, witness, or otherwise a party, the Court or presiding officer shall appoint a qualified interpreter to interpret the proceedings to the deaf person and to interpret his testimony or statements to the Court or Grand Jury.

Florida Statutes 90.6063(8) states, "An interpreter appointed by the Court in a criminal matter or in a civil matter shall be entitled to a reasonable fee for such service, in addition to actual expenses for travel, to be paid out of general County funds."

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, requires that reasonable accommodations be provided to requesting qualified persons with disabilities in order that they may participate fully in court programs, services, activities and benefits.

Objectives

Comply with Florida Statutes and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Seminole County JUDICIAL Department: FY 2001/02 **COUNTY COURT** Division: FY 2002/03 WITNESS/OTHER FEES COUNTY Section: Percent Change Percent Change 2002/03 Budget 2001/02 2001/02 Budget 2002/03 2000/01 1999/00 over 2001/02 over 2000/01 Approved Adopted Adopted Actual Budget Budget Expenditures Budget Budget Budget **EXPENDITURES:** Personal Services 10,000 0.0% 17,402 10,000 10,000 0.0% **Operating Services** Capital Outlay 0 0 0 0 **Debt Service** 0 0 Grants and Aid 0 0 Reserves/Transfers 10,000 0.0% **Subtotal Operating** 17,402 10,000 10,000 0.0% Capital Improvements 10,000 0.0% 10,000 10,000 0.0% 17,402 **TOTAL EXPENDITURES FUNDING SOURCE (s)** 10,000 0.0% 17,402 10,000 10,000 0.0% General Fund 10,000 0.0% 10,000 10,000 0.0% **TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)** 17,402 Full Time Positions 0 0 0 0 Part-Time Positions New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2001-02 New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2002-03 2005-06 2006-07 **Capital Improvements** 2001-03 2003-04 2004-05 0 0 0 0 **Total Project Cost** 0 0 0 **Total Operating Impact**